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BEFORE THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

IN RE PEANUT CROP INSURANCE LITIGATION

(SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE)

CONDITIONAL TRANSFER ORDER (CTO-2)

On October 26, 2004, the Panel transferred six civil actions to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407. Since that time, one additional action has been transferred to the Eastern District of North Carolina. With the consent of that court, all such actions have been assigned to the Honorable Malcolm J. Howard.

It appears that the actions on this conditional transfer order involve questions of fact which are common to the actions previously transferred to the Eastern District of North Carolina and assigned to Judge Howard.

Pursuant to Rule 7.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), these actions are transferred under 28 U.S.C. § 1407 to the Eastern District of North Carolina for the reasons stated in the order of October 26, 2004, 342 F.Supp.2d 1353 (J.P.M.L. 2004), and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Malcolm J. Howard.

This order does not become effective until it is filed in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. The transmittal of this order to said Clerk shall be stayed fifteen (15) days from the entry thereof and if any party files a notice of opposition with the Clerk of the Panel within this fifteen (15) day period, the stay will be continued until further order of the Panel.

Inasmuch as no objection is pending at this time, the stay is lifted.

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of the Panel

i certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original.

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Eastern District of North Caroline

SCHEDULE CTO-2 - TAG-ALONG ACTIONS **DOCKET NO. 1634** IN RE PEANUT CROP INSURANCE LITIGATION

DIST. DIV. C.A. #

ALABAMA MIDDLE ALM 2 06-324

FLORIDA NORTHERN FLN 5 06-83

GEORGIA MIDDLE GAM 1 06-54

GEORGIA SOUTHERN GAS 1 06-52

SOUTH CAROLINA SC 3 06-1116

TEXAS EASTERN TXE 2 06-209

TEXAS NORTHERN TXN 5 06-73

TEXAS SOUTHERN TXS 4 06-1289

TEXAS WESTERN TXW 5 06-322

CASE CAPTION

Alabama Peanut Farmers, et al. v. United States of America

4.06-CU-161-H

Texas Peanut Farmers, et al. v. United States of America

4:06-CV-162-H

Georgia Peanut Farmers, et al. v. United States of America, et al.

4:06-CV-163-H

Charles E. Smith, Jr. v. United States Department of Agriculture, et al.

41.06-CV-129-H

Wallace A. Berry, et al. v. Ross J. Davidson, et al.

4.06.CV-164-H

Texas Peanut Farmers, et al. v. United States of America

4,06-CV-144-H

Billy Barnes, et al. v. United States of America

4.06-CU-116-H

David Groschke, et al. v. United States of America

4:06-CU-122-H

Texas Peanut Farmers, et al. v. United States of America

4.06-CV-165-H



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RE: MDL-1634-In Re Peanut Crop Insurance Litigation
<u>Alabama Peanut Farmers, et al v. Ross J. Davidson, et al C.A.No. 2:06-324</u>
Eastern District of North Carolina Case No. 4:06-CV-161-H2

Dear Clerk:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1407 and order of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation this action has been transferred to the Eastern District of North Carolina for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings. A certified copy of the transfer order is enclosed. This case is assigned to the Honorable Malcolm J. Howard, Senior United States District Judge.

Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure for the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation requires that upon receipt of a certified copy of a transfer order from the clerk of the transferee district court, the clerk of the transferor district court shall forward to the clerk of the transferee district court the complete original file and a certified copy of the docket sheet for the transferred action.

If you should have any questions about this litigation or the procedures, please don't hesitate to call.

MICHAEL D. BROOKS, ACTING CLERK By: <u>Delsia Heath, Deputy In Charge</u> (252) 830-6009

cc: Counsel of Record
Jeffery N. Luthi, Clerk of the Panel (w/o encl.)